

CITY OF BIGGS Planning Staff Report -Study Session Report-

TO:

Honorable Mayor and Member of the Biggs City Council

FROM:

Scott Friend, AICP – City Planner

MEETING DATE:

March 11, 2014; 5:00 p.m.

Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917

SUBJECT:

General Plan Update Study Session #2: Review of City of Biggs

General Plan Draft and Final EIR's:

Staff will present and review the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports prepared in support of the City of Biggs General Plan update

project.

Environmental Review: N/A

Summary:

In anticipation of forthcoming regular City Council meeting in April at which the City Council will be asked to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and approve and adopt the City of Biggs 2008-2028 General Plan, staff will present and review both the Draft and Final EIR documents prepared in support of the General Plan update project. This is the second of two scheduled City Council study sessions to review and discuss the General Plan update project prior to the formal public hearing on the matter. Staff has prepared and will present a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council reviewing the EIR documents (draft and final); providing an overview of the document preparation process; and, reviewing the various project impacts and mitigations.

Discussion:

Prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in February, a City Council study session was held during which staff presented the draft *City of Biggs General Plan* document to the members of the Council present at the meeting. During that meeting, staff reviewed each of the draft Elements and discussed the significant changes that were made within each. The intent of the meeting was to allow an opportunity for the Council to ask questions of staff about the document and in advance of the City Council meeting in April at which the Council will be asked to approve the document.

Similar to the February study session meeting, staff will present the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared in support of the project and provide an opportunity for the members of the Council to ask any questions or engage in discussion on the document(s).

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The intent of the meeting is to provide a forum and am opportunity for the informal review of the document prior to the regular April City Council meeting at which the Council will be asked to certify the EIR and approve the General Plan document.

To facilitate the review of all of the documents associated with the project including the EIR and draft General Plan document, all of the documents that have been prepared as part of the project have been placed on the project website www.biggsgeneralplan.com. Interested parties are directed to the project website to access a copy of the various documents and to obtain information about this effort.

Environmental determination:

Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff time for the preparation of this report; preparation, packaging and distribution of the environmental document(s); noticing; publication and distribution of document copies; and, presentation of the document to the Council. No supplemental funds are anticipated as being necessary as the funding for this project has been previously approved by the City Council.

Recommendation:

No formal recommendation is being made or specific action is requested. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and discuss the existing environmental document only and is intended primarily for informational purposes.

Attachment(s):

- City of Biggs 2008-2028 General Plan – Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (provide separately and in advance of this report)